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Applicant : A. ITAI et al.

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For : METHOD FOR PREDICTING FUNCTIONS OF PROTEIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

In claim 4, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 through 3" to ---claim 1---.

In claim 5, line 2, change "any one of claims 1 through 3" to claim 1---.

In claim 7, line 1, delete "or claim 6".

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination and calculation of the filing fees in the above-identified patent application.